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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

REDL *et al.*

Application No.: 09/486,516

Filed: February 28, 2000

For: FIBRINOGEN-BASED TISSUE
ADHESIVE CONTAINING AN
ELASTASE INHIBITOR

Examiner: Michael V. Meller

Art Unit: 1651

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to Restriction Requirement mailed October 3, 2001, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 29-60 and 70-73, drawn to a tissue adhesive and a method of using it. Applicants also elect, with traverse, the following species: Claim 30: eglin; claims 33-35: fibrinogen; claim 40 or 43: with plasminogen; claim 45: none; claim 47: gentamycin; and claim 53: collagen. *not available*

The foregoing election is made with traverse, as the two groups set forth by the Examiner all stem from a common concept and theory, and are thus related. As such, prosecution of the claims of Groups I-II would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the Restriction Requirement and consider all the claims together.

Respectfully submitted,

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